

RCE\$  
JW

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.



## REQUEST

FOR

CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number 10/026,548

Filing Date December 27, 2001

First Named Inventor Shinji SAITO

Group Art Unit 2685

Examiner Name Nhan T. LE

Attorney Docket Number 024016-00020

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to application Examination and Provisions Application Practice, Fine Rule, 65

Fed. Reg. 56052 (Aug. 10, 2000), Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14000 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1255 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 17 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a.  Previously submitted

- Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on December 9, 2005 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed

- Preliminary Amendment/Reply
- Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- Other

## 2. Miscellaneous

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the fee deficiency or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing, our docket number 024016-00020.

- RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) (\$790.00)
- Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) (\$900.00 – Three Months (Difference between 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Extensions))
- Other

b.  Check #440512 in the amount of \$1,690.00.

## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	Wilburn L. Chesson	47-271	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	41,668
Signature			Date	February 9, 2006

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND Fees and Completed Forms to the following address: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box RCE, Washington, DC 20231.

02/10/2006 HAL111 00000169 10026548

01 FC:1801

790.00 OP

TECH/398847.1